

TALMAGE AND MR. CORWIN.

THE STORY OF THE LIAJENT QUARREL
IN THE TABERNACLE.

Why Dr. Talmage's Former House Friend and Staunch Defender Says he will Never Go to the Tabernacle Again—Letters, *Letters posted as Unfavorable to Mr. Talmage.*

The trouble in Dr. Talmage's Tabernacle, Brooklyn, growing out of the rupture between Dr. Talmage and his confidential friend of many years, Major B. H. Corwin, continues to provoke much discussion. The trouble refers to the re-election of Mr. Corwin as trustee. Many members of the church who had for a long time been opposed to Mr. Corwin, because he was the most conspicuous person next to Dr. Talmage in the Tabernacle, started a movement to oust him. Dr. Talmage at first, it is alleged, agreed to remain neutral, after having failed to exhibit any inclination to aid Mr. Corwin in the contest. He afterward, it is charged, not only violated his pledge, but said that he did not want Mr. Corwin to remain as trustee of anything else, and then came out openly against his old friend, and sent a circular to the members of his church urging them to vote for a ticket that he enclosed, which was the opposition ticket to Mr. Corwin's. Many stories were started about Mr. Corwin charging that he had made money out of the Tabernacle by commissions on contracts, percentages on things purchased, and in other ways. He did not reply to those charges until yesterday, when he sent out a circular containing an inside view of much of the Tabernacle's history. The circular is entitled "A Brief History of My Membership with the Brooklyn Tabernacle." Mr. Corwin says that he publishes it to answer the slanders that have been circulated as to the cause of his absence from the church. He joined the church in 1859, ten years before Dr. Talmage became pastor, and the first act he did is the securing of a loan from the North America Life Insurance Company for \$10,000 upon the old Tabernacle, and what it cost.

Mr. Corwin instead of making a profit out of the church, she that he founded, it is said, lost \$14,371 upon its new church building; that the treasurer's books proved that, November 1, 1860, he had \$1,000 in his bank account. He also says that he has contributed to the Tabernacle buildings over \$5,000. By adhering to the church, she that he founded, he says, he lost \$1,000 in the summer of 1860, because he assumed that he would be paid back. In the fall of 1860, three gentlemen called on him, Messrs. Kirkwood, Smith, and Miller, and told him that he must give up his interest in the Tabernacle, or he would lose it if he did not. Dr. Talmage urged him to reorganize the Board, and two and a half years ago he was again unanimously elected, and was in full control of the Tabernacle.

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The next Tuesday Mr. Corwin received the following letter:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1880.
Dear Friends.—The elders of the Session told me that they had received your circular, and I am sorry to learn, as that paper is to retain its old name, and the majority of the congregation, and also Dr. Talmage, are in favor of retaining it. I would like to know from you if it is safe from Dr. Talmage to have out of the office of trustee?

Please answer me this question, and greatly oblige.

Yours, E. R. B.

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